

the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and shall be subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act and to the approval of the proper authorities of the Government of Canada.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 USC 491.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Public Law 688

CHAPTER 561

AN ACT

To amend section 1343 of title 18, United States Code, relating to fraud by wire, radio, or television.

July 11, 1956  
[S. 3674]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1343 of title 18, United States Code is amended to read as follows:

66 Stat. 722.

§ 1343. Fraud by wire, radio, or television

Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, transmits or causes to be transmitted by means of wire, radio, or television communication in interstate or foreign commerce, any writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Public Law 689

CHAPTER 562

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize participation by the United States in parliamentary conferences of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

July 11, 1956  
[H. J. Res. 501]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That not to exceed eighteen Members of Congress shall be appointed to meet jointly and annually and when Congress is not in session, with representative parliamentary groups from other NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) members, for discussion of common problems in the interests of the maintenance of peace and security in the North Atlantic area. Of the Members of the Congress to be appointed for the purposes of this resolution (hereinafter designated as the "United States Group"), half shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House from Members of the House, and half shall be appointed by the President of the Senate from Members of the Senate. Not more than five of the appointees from the respective Houses shall be of the same political party.

NATO Parliamentary Conference.  
U. S. Group.

SEC. 2. An appropriation of \$36,000 annually is authorized, \$6,000 of which shall be for the annual contribution of the United States toward the maintenance of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference and \$30,000, \$15,000 for the House delegation and \$15,000 for the Senate delegation, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to assist in meeting the expenses of the United States Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference for each fiscal year

Appropriation.

for which an appropriation is made, such appropriation to be dispersed on voucher to be approved by the Chairman of the House delegation and the Chairman of the Senate delegation.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 3. The United States Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference shall submit to the Congress a report for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made, including its expenditures under such appropriation.

Auditing and accounting.

SEC. 4. The certificate of the Chairman of the House delegation and the Senate delegation of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference shall hereafter be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing of the accounts of the United States Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference.

Approved July 11, 1956.

## Public Law 690

## CHAPTER 563

### AN ACT

July 11, 1956  
[H. R. 6643]

To amend the reclamation laws to provide that excess lands acquired by foreclosure or inheritance may receive water temporarily for five years.

Excess lands.  
Receipt of water  
temporarily.  
43 USC 423e.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 46 of the Omnibus Adjustment Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 649; 43 U. S. C. 423 (e)) is amended by adding thereto after the words "land involved in such fraudulent sales:" and before the words "*Provided further*" the following: "*Provided, however,* That if excess land is acquired by foreclosure or other process of law, by conveyance in satisfaction of mortgages, by inheritance, or by devise, water therefor may be furnished temporarily for a period not exceeding five years from the effective date of such acquisition, delivery of water thereafter ceasing until the transfer thereof to a landowner duly qualified to secure water therefor:"

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of August 9, 1912 (37 Stat. 266; 43 U. S. C. 544), is amended by deleting that portion reading "but any such excess land acquired at any time in good faith by descent, by will, or by foreclosure of any lien may be held for two years and no longer after its acquisition;" and adding in lieu thereof "but any such excess land acquired by foreclosure or other process of law, by conveyance in satisfaction of mortgages, by inheritance, or by devise, may be held for five years and no longer after its acquisition, and water may be temporarily furnished during that time;"

43 USC 371 note.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, upon request of any holder of an existing contract under the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto), to amend the contract to conform to the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this Act.

Approved July 11, 1956.

## Public Law 691

## CHAPTER 564

### AN ACT

July 11, 1956  
[H. R. 6850]

To create an academic advisory board for the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Merchant Marine  
Academy.  
Advisory board.  
46 USC 1126d.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Public Law 214, Eightieth Congress (61 Stat. 401), be amended to read as follows: "The Secretary of Commerce may appoint an advisory board to the